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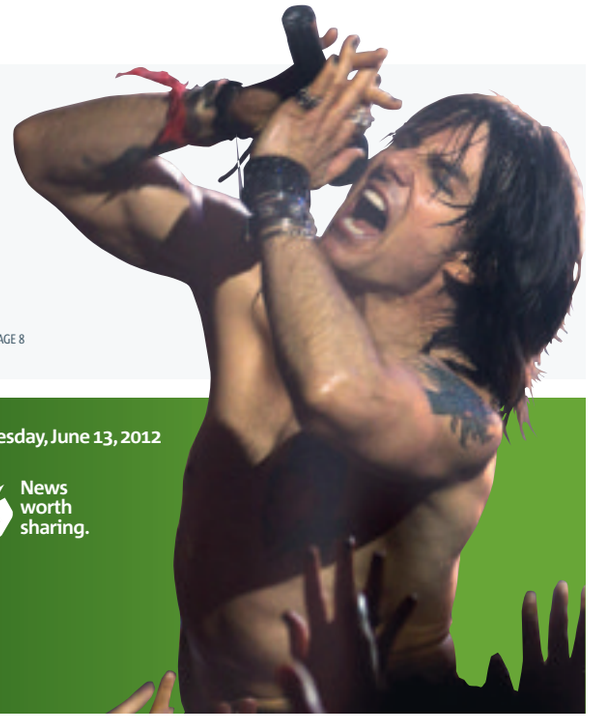

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Saskatoon's drag icon Simone DuVall is seen here participating in last year's pride parade. In 2009-10, DuVall was the reigning empress of Saskatchewan, which has a member court in the International Imperial Court System — an organization that hosts fabulous galas to raise money for local charities. CONTRIBUTED

Saskatchewan's little-known Imperial Court

Pride. One of world's oldest and largest gay organizations gives back to community

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When José Sarria won the Beaux Arts Ball in San Francisco in 1964 and declared that he, in drag, was "Empress of San Francisco," he inadvertently started something that would impact the international LGBT community for generations.

Sarria's declaration would be the foundation for the International Imperial Court System (ICS) — one of the oldest and largest gay organizations in the world.

"We all know we're men in dresses, but we're men in dresses raising money for a cause," said Saskatoon drag icon Simone DuVall, who was reigning empress in 2009-10.

The ICS is known for its elected officials with noble titles and hosting lavish events to raise money for local charities. The organization has grown to include nearly 70 member courts in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

The member court in Saskatchewan is the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Golden Wheat Sheaf Empire. It hosts a ball every year in Regina, raising money for charity and attracting members of the LGBT community from all over Canada. This year's ball will be held Sept. 22.

In the year of DuVall's reign, the court divided $27,000 between a few charities, including $10,000 to Saskatoon's Camp Fyrefly.

"It is our opportunity to give back to our community. Every year the reigning emperor and empress get to pick their own charities. We do give to Regina Palliative Care every year, though," said DuVall.

DuVall added that the ICS has seen good support in Saskatchewan. "There have been a few organizations who have not wanted to work with us, but really — who doesn't want free money? We're raising the money, anyway; most organizations have been very grateful."

When discussing this year's pride festivities, DuVall said that Saskatchewan has the biggest heart.

"I see such a strong sense of community. But it's important to take a step back to remember what it was like 15 years ago, 20 years ago. I'm proud to be a part of something bigger."

This year's emperor and empress are Regina's Bruce and Avaughna Sanoir.

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Art and fashion show

Simone DuVall will be showing off some of the latest fashions from Saskatoon-based designers Melissa Squire and Reggie Sankey at Mosaic — A Celebration of Queer Artistry this evening at the Albert Community Centre.

- The event will also showcase visual art from numerous emerging and established Saskatchewan artists.

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Ugliness in the beautiful game

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained. Watch the melee at metronews.ca.

Pushing boundaries

Push Girls, the Sundance Channel's latest reality offering, examines the lives of four Hollywood women as they navigate careers, relationships and motherhood while confined to wheelchairs. With jobs in modelling, dance and design, each woman pushes against stereotypes and stigma. Watch interviews with the cast at metronews.ca.

Mobile news

France's political circles were up in arms over a tweet by President Francois Hollande's girlfriend. Scan the code to read about how Valérie Trierweiler dominated the news and the blogosphere most of Tuesday.

Roads will get worse despite more funds: City

Maintenance money. To keep network from deteriorating, city would need about $18.5M a year, says infrastructure manager

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Construction crews dig deep into Saskatoon's city streets just before the intersection of 45th Street West and Avenue C North. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

City administration says roadwork infrastructure in Saskatoon will continue to deteriorate despite a funding jump in 2012.

This year, infrastructure spending on road work in the City of Saskatoon has increased to roughly $9.86 million, compared to $7 million in 2010 and $7.6 million in 2011, but city administration says it's still not enough.

"We're behind on the amount of money being spent rehabilitating our roadway network," said Mike Gutek, general manager of the city's infrastructure branch.

"With our current funding of roughly $6.5 million spent on rehabilitation, our roadway network is actually deteriorating in condition — it's getting worse every year."

Gutek said the city received a one-time increase of $3.47 million for roadwork over previous years, but noted the funding is still half of what the city requires to maintain the roadway system.

"Our recommendations are to keep the roadway network from deteriorating — to hold it in its present state and not make it any better — and with current input costs, we would need about $18.5 million a year."

Even though more funding is needed, Gutek said council is working towards finding a solution. "We outlined a few methods of getting there and council is making progress," he said.

While the city is investing more money into roadwork infrastructure, resulting in more construction overall, Gutek said residents won't see too much of a difference on a day-to-day basis.

"It's dependent on the type of work," said Gutek. "If we're into just resurfacing, we can cover a lot of square footage really quick, but if the scope of the work involves going into water and sewage as well ... it can be a very long process."

The city also noted outside factors can contribute to challenges in maintaining Saskatoon's roadway system, as construction costs have increased by roughly 232 per cent from 2001 to 2011.

Fight for accreditation. Husband and wife doctors rely on retail work to get by

Lately, Jawaz Sheikh and Naheed Amin, both doctors from India, have been depending on their 24-year-old son to help pay the bills while battling to become accredited physicians in Saskatchewan.

The pair has roughly 25 years each of practising in India and Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh, who has worked at Walmart in Saskatoon, and Amin, who is managing a mobile-phone outlet store, have squandered their precious talents on menial labour. For physicians who previously served as rescue-operation doctors during the Gulf War in 1991, the contrast is marked.

"It has been difficult with a capital 'D.' It has been utter nerves and total chaos in the mind," said Amin. "Life couldn't be worse, honestly. I miss the satisfaction of seeing a patient and using the expertise and knowledge that I have. It's frustrating to see people out here who need doctors. They could use our help. It's a real sadness."

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"The situation is terrible for the doctors coming to this country. I had no option — I had to pay my bills."

Jawaz Sheikh, who has 25 years of experience as a doctor overseas, on why he had to take a job at Walmart.

Amin is still confident she can find work here, while Sheikh seems to have lost hope of ever practising in Saskatchewan. The day following this interview he moved to Toronto to pursue employment in Ontario's medical field.

"The situation is terrible for the doctors coming to this country. I had no option — I had to pay my bills," said Sheikh of working at Walmart. "I thought I'd spend a comfortable life in this country, but comfort comes only with money."

Since Sheikh and Amin have not practised medicine anywhere in the world in the past three years, they won't be eligible for the new Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Husband and wife doctors Jawaz Sheikh, left, and Naheed Amin have been searching for employment as physicians in Saskatchewan since arriving in Canada in 2007. DORIAN GEIGER/METRO

Physician shortage

Ministry's new model for assessing doctors

A new model established by Saskatchewan's Ministry of Health to assess foreign doctors may alleviate the province's physician shortage.

Previously, doctors from England, Ireland, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the United States were only eligible for the assessment. Now it is open to physicians everywhere.

The Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment will increase the number of annual assessments of foreign physicians from 55 to 90, a jump that Edward Mantler, CEO of SaskDocs (Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan) said is positive.

Broadway incident

Man died of stab wound: Police

Police say an autopsy has concluded the man killed June 8 on Broadway Avenue died of a stab wound. They responded to the incident in the 800 block at roughly 3:07 a.m. and upon arrival found the unresponsive 29-year-old. The man was pronounced dead at the scene. His name will not be released at his family's request.

The SPS major crime unit is still investigating and police are asking anyone with information about the incident to call SPS at 975-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. METRO

Civic election

Karen Rooney CONTRIBUTED

Local RN plans to run in Ward 8

Karen Rooney, a registered nurse, has declared her candidacy in Ward 8 for the October civic election. She's a lifelong Saskatoon resident who lives in the ward.

"Saskatoon is at an exciting crossroads, and we need strong leaders now more than ever. I will be able to provide the vision and leadership that will help develop Saskatoon into a sustainable city that benefits all citizens," said Rooney.

Her campaign will focus on responsible development at the local level, as well as community engagement and consultation. METRO

Uranium company

Province to appeal royalty ruling

The Government of Saskatchewan is launching an appeal over a recent court decision that sided with the uranium company Areva regarding the way royalty payments are calculated.

Each side had been using different systems to calculate the average price of a pound of uranium. Last month, a Queen's Bench justice sided with Areva's approach to royalties paid between 2006 and 2009. Officials with the company, which operates the McLean Lake mine in the north, say they aren't surprised by the government's appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Do you know this man? Old photo in time capsule is a modern mystery

Unknown identity. Officials are seeking the public's help to identify a man whose photograph was found in a time capsule in the legislature wall

A peek into the past has sparked a modern mystery in Saskatchewan.

Provincial officials are trying to identify a man whose photograph was found in a time capsule that was encased in the wall of the Saskatchewan legislature.

"What we came upon after going through the time capsule contents is a picture of a gentlemen that we have no record of who he is," said Kevin Doherty, minister responsible for the Provincial Capital Commission.

"We have some theories as to who he might be. But what we're asking the people of Saskatchewan ... if they know who this gentleman might be, to perhaps contact us and let us know who he is, what his role was in the construction of the legislative building back in 1909 and any stories that they provide us with respect to him and his family and whatnot."

The capsule was opened last December to mark the building's 100th anniversary.

The legislature officially opened in October 1912, although the time capsule was laid in 1909 during construction.

The items were put in the capsule by the governor general at the time, Earl Grey, and then-premier Walter Scott.

Doherty said officials think the man could be Franklin Joseph Robinson, a bureaucrat with the government at the time.

But no one is certain.

"I suppose we could all posit theories as to what might have happened here. But I suspect this gentleman might have put it in there after all the activities were done, the dignitaries had left and (he) said, 'Well, I want to be part of history as well,'" said Doherty.

"I don't know, and that's why we're asking the people if they have any ideas or theories or know this gentleman or are descendants of this gentleman's family to come forward and maybe they know exactly what took place back then."

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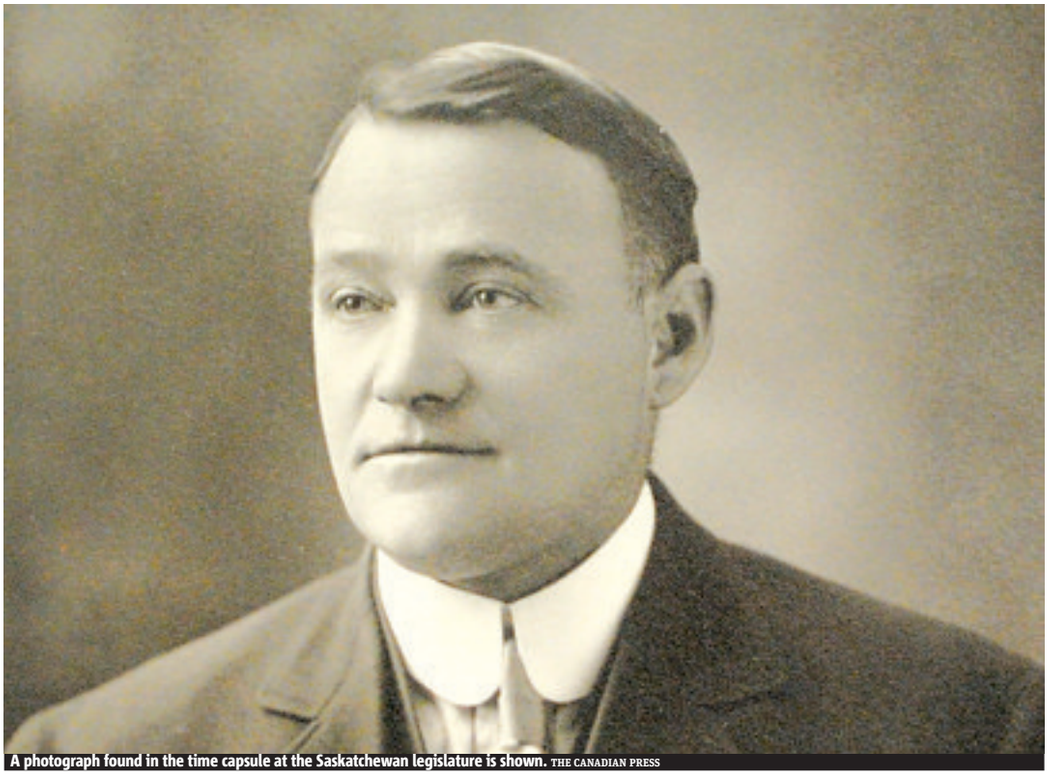

A photograph found in the time capsule at the Saskatchewan legislature is shown. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police chief opens ears to aboriginals on racial profiling

Members of the aboriginal community in Saskatoon who feel they have been racially profiled by the Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) will soon have a chance to tell the chief of police their stories.

This Saturday, Kim Beaudin, the president of the Aboriginal Affairs Coalition of Saskatchewan — who raised the initial concerns of racial profiling to the city's Board of Police Commissioners — will host an event where members of the aboriginal community can tell the SPS of instances where they felt racially profiled, in an attempt to bring this issue to light.

"There will be a number of people who want to speak out on the issue," said Beaudin. "I've sparked a lot of interest and what I've been trying to explain to people is they need to make sure to tell their stories and this is their opportunity to let the chief of police know this is happening."

Beaudin said the event will also serve as an opportunity for individuals to learn about the official channels through which they can file complaints.

Relationship building

"I see it as another step to maintain and improve the relationship that we're forming."

Clive Weighill, SPS police Chief

"They don't understand the process — they understand that the process to complain is daunting, but they don't understand the basic process," said Beaudin. "We believe this is one of the steps that's needed to address this issue.

"We want to work with police to make sure everyone is educated."

Police Chief Clive Weighill said he feels the event is a move in the right direction to strengthen the relationship between the SPS and the aboriginal community.

"If we're having some concerns, I think it's always best to face them head on, discuss them and find some kind of resolution," said Weighill, adding he's prepared to hear people's stories of when they felt they were racially profiled.

"I'll certainly hear their concerns and I'll advise them if there has been an act of misconduct by one of our officers — the route to take to make a proper complaint."

Weighill said a good relationship with the aboriginal community is a "top priority" for the SPS.

"I see it as another step to maintain and improve the relationship that we're forming," said Weighill. "If there are some concerns, I certainly want to hear about them — we can only improve our services if we hear about the complaint."

The meeting will be held at St. Thomas Wesley United Church starting at 12 p.m.

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Survival

Face-chewing victim doing OK

A homeless man whose face was mostly chewed off in an attack is alert at a Miami hospital. The top two-thirds of Ronald Poppo's face is covered in scabs, he's missing his nose, and both eye sockets are covered.
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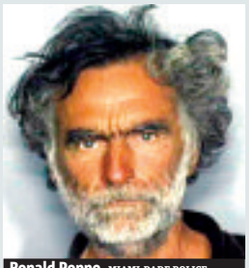
Ronald Poppo MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPT. FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marine deaths

Mystery dolphins wash ashore

More than 120 dolphins have been stranded off the Texas coast, prompting a federal agency to investigate whether the deaths relate to others in the Gulf of Mexico. All but four that washed up were dead.
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Messing around

Yacht explosion a costly hoax

Two hoax calls reporting an explosion on a yacht off New Jersey triggered a rescue effort that cost at least $88,000 US and lasted more than four hours. An investigation has begun to determine who was responsible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trayvon trial

Zimmerman's wife accused of perjury

Authorities say the wife of Trayvon Martin's shooter is being accused of lying to a judge about their finances during a bond hearing and faces one count of perjury. Both George and Shellie Zimmerman are in custody.
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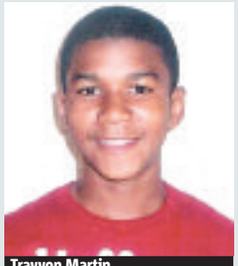
Trayvon Martin MARTIN FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dingo really did take baby, says coroner

Mystery. It took four inquests, 32 years to clear mother accused of killing her daughter

Australians have overwhelmingly welcomed the final chapter of a mystery that has captivated the country for 32 years: Did a dingo really take a baby that vanished from an Outback campsite in 1980?

A country that was once bitterly divided on whether baby Azaria Chamberlain had been dragged away by a wild dog or murdered by her mother now largely agrees that the parents deserve the vindication a coroner's court provided Tuesday.

A day after Azaria Chamberlain would have turned 32, a coroner found that a dingo had taken her as a nine-week-old baby from a tent near Ayers Rock, the red monolith now known as Uluru.

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton in 1982. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Lindy Chamberlain-Creighton and her ex-husband, Michael Chamberlain, teared up as the findings of the fourth inquest into their daughter's disappearance were broadcast from a courtroom in Darwin to televisions around Australia.

The first inquest in 1981 had blamed a dingo but a second inquest charged Chamberlain-Creighton with murder. A third inquest in 1995 left the cause of death open. The case became famous through the movie A Cry in the Dark.
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Beached whale dies on B.C. coast

People gather around a beached humpback whale that died during low tide and was found tangled in fishing net in White Rock, just south of Vancouver, on Tuesday. Paul Cottrell , the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' marine mammal co-ordinator, said the severely emaciated young whale was first spotted as water receded from the sandy tidal flats early Tuesday morning. Cottrell said the eight- to 10-metre-long juvenile died just hours after beaching itself. "It had been struggling for a long time and likely hadn't been eating for a long time," he said. "There may be other underlying issues regarding the animal's health as well as the fishing gear." He said experts will try to identify the whale from the patterns on its tail fluke.
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Bombardier shares surge on massive business-jet order

Major deal. NetJets Inc., a Warren Buffett company, signed the deal to buy up to 275 Bombardier Challengers — worth up to $7.3 billion US

Bombardier Inc. shares soared in trading Tuesday following a major deal with one of renowned billionaire investor Warren Buffett's companies, which is poised to buy up to $9.6 billion worth of business jets and services.

Private jet company NetJets Inc. signed a deal Monday to buy up to 275 Bombardier Challenger business jets that could be worth up to $7.3 billion US. There are 100 firm orders and options on 175 more.

Bombardier said it has also signed a 15-year service and maintenance agreement for the aircraft valued at as much as an additional $2.3 billion if all options are exercised.

Bombardier shares gained more than six per cent, or 22 cents, to close at $3.87 on heavy volume of more than 21.2 million shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

"This purchase demonstrates our long-term planning and represents our ongoing commitment to providing unparalleled safety and service in aircraft uniquely customized for our owners," NetJets chairman and CEO Jordan Hansell said in a statement.

"We are confident that NetJets' market leadership and strong foundation position us to make long-term investments in our business to differentiate our fleet in ways that no one else in the industry can."

NetJets is a unit of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Buffett's main company.

The deal includes 75 firm orders and 125 options for the Challenger 300 Series aircraft as well as 25 firm orders and 50 options for the larger Challenger 605 Series aircraft. The firm orders are worth $2.6 billion based on 2012 list prices.

The order follows a deal earlier this year that saw NetJets order up to 120 of Bombardier's Global business jets in a deal worth as much as $6.7 billion US. Deliveries are already expected to increase this year and in 2013. The first Challenger 300 will be delivered in 2014 while the first larger Challenger 605 will be delivered in 2015.

"The market has been aware that Bombardier was a contender for the NetJets mid-size jet order, but the magnitude of the order is likely much larger than market expectations," said Cameron Doerksen of National Bank Financial.

Doerksen said Bombardier undoubtedly offered volume discounts but standardized systems and interiors will lead to lower production costs and consequently margins that are in line with smaller orders.

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"The magnitude of the order is likely much larger than market expectations."

Cameron Doerksen of National Bank Financial

Airlines battle with ticketing firms over new booking systems

A passenger uses a self-check-in kiosk in Atlanta. Extra legroom, special meals, access to the VIP lounge – and tickets to a musical? Airlines want to raise new revenues by selling such extras alongside tickets and are locked in battle with three companies that dominate the bookings industry over the introduction of a new global reservation system. Carriers complain the current system is a costly 1970s throwback without Internet-era convenience. They want to cut out the global ticket-booking systems – Sabre Holdings, Travelport Ltd. and Amadeus IT Group – that some reject as obsolete middlemen who add costs. Bookings companies retort that they have invested to upgrade services and are working hard to meet carriers' needs.

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Honda

2012 Civics being recalled in Canada

Honda Canada is voluntarily recalling approximately 12,587 of its popular 2012 Civics in Canada.

The carmaker wants to inspect and, if necessary, replace the left driveshaft, which may not have been properly pressed into the CV joint during assembly. If the driveshaft separates from the joint, the engine will no longer propel the vehicle.

No accidents have been reported related to the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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BEAUTY IS WHAT'S BEHIND YOUR NEXT RAISE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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When Maria Sharapova won the French Open on Saturday, it was another victory for the Beautiful People.

Sharapova, all six-foot-two of her, is gorgeous. But then, so are a lot of tennis players these days. Somewhere along the line, right at Anna Kournikova, perhaps, it became important for female tennis players to be beautiful as well as talented.

Partial list: Daniela Hantuchova, Sabine Lisicki, Vera Zvonareva, Lucie Safarova, Maria Kirilenko, Simona Halep, Tatiana Golovin, as well as the aforementioned Kournikova and Sharapova. Apparently, it doesn't hurt if you're eastern European either.

One honest BBC producer has admitted that "babes and Brits" get the centre-court treatment at Wimbledon while less attractive players have to grunt it out on the outer courts.

But that's the way of the world. If you're gorgeous, you're golden.

Daniel Hamermesh, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin and author of Beauty Pays, estimates that, in a lifetime, a bad-looking person can earn $230,000 less than a good-looking person, all other things being equal.

The truth about looking good is out there.

In the job market: Attractive people get more job recommendations, are considered more qualified, more likely to succeed, more likely to be hired, paid more, promoted more and less likely to be fired.

In the courts: Juries think physically attractive people are less likely to be guilty. Attractive people get lower bail, lighter sentences and smaller fines. Except maybe not Luka Magnotta. But imagine how much trouble he'd be in if he was really ugly?

In school: Attractive people get better grades.

On Facebook: Attractive people are more "friended" than ugly people.

Sex: Attractive people get more dates, have more sex and even have more orgasms.

OK, too much information, perhaps. Good thing I'm attractive.

Did I mention that generally, men tend to overestimate their good looks? Women go the opposite way. More than eight out of 10 hate the way they look in a mirror. One study showed women see themselves as fatter after eating a single chocolate bar. It would have to be a 35,000-calorie chocolate bar for that to be true.

Hamermesh (whose wife thinks he looks average) finds that 70 per cent of people agree on what's attractive most of the time. It has to do with symmetry. The more symmetrical you look, the more attractive you are. Jug ears are out.

So that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" stuff is fine … just as long as you're beautiful.

Have a nice day, and if possible, stay away from mirrors. They're bad luck, in more ways than one.

Maria Sharapova holds up the ~~award for most beautiful person~~ Coupe Suzanne Lenglen after the women's singles final of the French Open on June 9. GETTY IMAGES

Smuggling attempt foiled

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Bengal tiger trafficking

Three cubs rescued in house raid

A caretaker bottle-feeds a rescued Bengal tiger cub in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. Bangladeshi officials Monday rescued three Bengal tiger cubs from an alleged wildlife smuggler's house in the capital.

The cubs, about two months old, had been captured in the southwestern Sundarbans mangrove forests in Bangladesh.

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Rescued Bengal tiger cubs are pictured after a house raid in Bangladesh's capital. The AFP reported the house was allegedly a hub for illegal wildlife trade, indicated by several empty cages. GETTY IMAGES

Endangered

- The suspected smuggler in possession of the cubs at the time of the raid was arrested, the BBC reported.
- The cubs have been handed over to a private zoo until their fate is decided by a government committee.
- There are 440 Bengal tigers in Bangladesh and less than 2,500 worldwide, according to wildlife-conservation organization IUCN.

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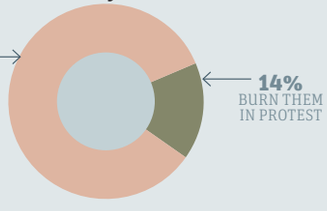
If you had a pair of Kanye West's Yeezy 2 sneakers, what would you do with them?



Twitter

@ClutterNinja: Working in beautiful Nutana today. It's gonna be such a nice day! #yxe

@jadontheobscure: at Tim's at Cumberland talking about the 5 1lb Burgers digested at Fudds on Saturday. Wonders if Joe's Sports Bar has one. #yxe

@MalikaSellami: Library Voices just blew the PA system at lydia's. #haha #yxe

@Eigenmotion: Countdown is on to awesome music week! Yahoo! #mosofest #replacementsled #yxe

@paddyneufeld: Can't wait to get to BC tomorrow for our first test Wednesday night! #RiderNation#GC2012

@AlexandraStang: Rode my bike to work this morning. I need to start leaving earlier so I can take my time and enjoy the beautiful scenery. #yxe

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SCENE

Quick changes

Grammy producer discusses Houston doc

Producers of the 54th Grammy Awards have created a documentary showing how they adapted to the news of Whitney Houston's death less than 24 hours before the live telecast.
A Death in the Family: The Show Must Go On premiered Monday at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' headquarters in Los Angeles. Ken Ehrlich, who has produced the Grammy Awards for the past 32 years, introduced the film and participated in a panel discussion afterward with Recording Academy president Neil Portnow, Grammy host LL Cool J, musician Dave Grohl and others.
LL Cool J said addressing the Grammy audience after Houston's death was "the most challenging moment I've faced in my career."
The 25-minute film can be seen on Grammy.com and at the Grammy Museum.

On the web

ABC urges judge not to block The Glass House, cites differences from 'Big Brother,' except confinement

Alec Baldwin, left, and Tom Cruise star in Rock of Ages, a rock 'n' roll musical that, like many other Hollywood films based on popular music, has some historically accurate features. HANDOUT

Cruise stars as art imitates life (again) in Rock of Ages

Fantasy reflects reality. Like other films in the genre, this Shankman effort draws heavily on how rock stars live their lives

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In Rock of Ages Tom Cruise plays superstar Stacee Jaxx. He's Ozzy Osbourne with Axl Rose's attitude and Prince's trademarked revealing chaps, a spicy stew of rebellion, decadence and Jack Daniels.

The first time we see Jaxx in the film he's on a round bed, buried under several scantily clad women. It's a memorable first look at the character, but it's not exactly an original one.

Director Adam Shankman admits that the idea came from a similar scene — featuring KISS singer Paul Stanley — in the heavy metal documentary The Decline of Western Civilization Part II: The Metal Years.

It's not the first time a music movie has taken its cue from real rock life.

For a year before shooting playing Jim Morrison in The Doors Val Kilmer immersed himself in the singer's life, wearing his clothes and spending time at the Lizard King's favorite Sunset Strip bars.

Despite the film's many factual errors — drummer John Densmore claims "A third of it is fiction" — the recording studio scene where Jim smashes a TV is true, and even Jim's disgruntled ex-band mates said they couldn't distinguish Kilmer's voice from the real Morrison's.

The Doors weren't the only musicians fooled by an actor.

Joan Jett was annoyed that Kristen Stewart wore leather pants when playing her in The Runaways — it would have been more authentic if she had worn jeans she said — but she was impressed with Stewart's voice. When she first heard a recording of the actress belting out one of her songs she thought it was actually a tape of her old band.

Sex Pistols' singer Johnny Rotten dismissed Sid and Nancy — the story of Sid Vicious's life and death — as "mere fantasy" but Gary Oldham bought at least one authentic bit of Sid to the film by wearing the bass player's real chain necklace in several scenes. Sid's mom gave the actor the necklace to wear during filming.

Just as Shankman and Cruise borrowed from The Decline of Western Civilization, the Bob Dylan doc Don't Look Back has inspired scenes in movies such as Bob Roberts and I'm Not There.

The mockumentary Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story parodies the movie in a press conference scene when a reporter compares Dewey to Dylan. "Why doesn't anyone ask Bob Dylan why he sounds so much like Dewey Cox?" Dewey replies, echoing Dylan's response to a reporter who likened Dylan to singer-songwriter Donovan.

Big-time show

Some facts about the Rock of Ages movie:

- **Decisions.** Will Ferrell and Steve Carrell were considered for Alec Baldwin's role; and Taylor Swift was considered for Julianne Hough's.
- **Location.** The film was shot in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- **Big budget.** It cost more than $70 million to make.

Crime pays for Boardwalk Empire's Winter

In the know. A lifelong interest in, and a close-up view of, crime allows former Sopranos writer to be incredibly accurate

Terence Winter has always had criminal leanings but fortunately the creator of the critically acclaimed Boardwalk Empire channelled his lifelong obsession into something good.

Boardwalk Empire is a period drama starring Steve Buscemi, focusing on Enoch "Nucky" Thompson, a political figure who rose to prominence and controlled Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the Prohibition period of the 1920s and 1930s.

It has been renewed for a third season.

The inspiration that has driven him to spend much of his career writing about criminals — he was also a major writer on The Sopranos — came from an unexpected place.

"I'm always interested in criminals and crime. People ask me how this started and aside from growing up in Brooklyn in an area that kind of has a long history in mob type behaviour I could point it to the movie version of Oliver Twist," Winter said with a chuckle at the Banff World Media Festival. He is also listed as a writer and executive producer of the show.

"I remember I was a kid growing fascinated with pickpocketing — that was the subplot — Fagin and his pickpockets in that underground gang. A year later the Sting came out and it was all about con men and I became interested in that."

Winter, 51, also worked in a butcher shop that turned out to be owned by Paul Castellano. who was then the head of the powerful Gambino crime family.

"I got to rub elbows with guys not unlike the people who were in the Sopranos and just saw how they thought and how they talked and how they operated. It was just a world I was familiar with and was comfortable writing about."

Winter was an executive producer for The Sopranos and wrote or co-wrote 25 episodes over the HBO series' six-year run.

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Before Boardwalk Empire, Winter was a lead writer for The Sopranos. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Is Lilo a liar?

Lindsay Lohan's penchant for lying could land her in jail again.

After her accident last week — during which she totaled a rented Porsche — Lohan initially told police that she had been a passenger and her assistant had been driving, despite her assistant telling them the opposite, according to TMZ. The police are said to be writing up a report that includes Lohan's fabrication, which is in itself a crime and could trigger a probation violation for the actress in her shoplifting case.

Lindsay Lohan

Zac and Lily's romance 'fizzled'

After three months of dating, Zac Efron and Mirror Mirror star Lily Collins have called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They're no longer together. They were never serious, though; it was just a casual thing and it fizzled," a source says. "They were never in the same place at the same time."

Perhaps a sign that the relationship didn't have legs was the fact that during those times apart, Efron didn't make much mention of Collins.

"Zac was never very serious about her. He didn't talk about her to friends," another source says.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Adrian Grenier. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Adrian Grenier is in the doghouse

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Less than 24 hours before he was scheduled to host Monday night's Bideawee Gala in New York City, former Entourage star Adrian Grenier cancelled on the animal welfare charity. (While he declined to give an explanation to donors who paid up to $1,000 per ticket, suffice it to say we sincerely doubt it was a work commitment.)

Fortunately, Howard Stern's wife, Beth, stepped in — and naturally, Stern had something to say about it during his Tuesday morning broadcast.

"A lot of celebrities agree to do something for a charity, and at the last minute they cancel, leaving the charity stranded," he said. "I do lose respect for people when they do this. They always have a great excuse. I don't know. Send out a tweet and say 'I'm so sorry.'"

Oh Adrian, we're dying to know: How does it feel to be out-classed by Howard Stern?

In other celeb news:

Oprah and 50 Cent have publicly feuded about, well, everything in the past. (We don't have the space here — just ask your grandmother what she doesn't like about 50 Cent.)

So when the two sat down for a chat Sunday night on Oprah's Next Chapter, there was plenty to catch up on. Oprah, for one, was curious as to why the rapper named his female dog after her.

"At the time, I was just looking at the situation, and I saw I was developing negative feelings for someone who doesn't even know me, and I gave it to the dog," explained 50, who admits to pampering his beloved miniature schnauzer,

You know, there's something very zen about this. Next week, we'll be introducing the Metro therapy goldfish, Kim and Kanye.

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@CarrieFFisher
The only exercise I get is running around. I'm so lost, I think everything I think is profound. Our lows are so low that our upsides are down.

@Rosie
I was 20 months old when JFK was killed — I remember watching the funeral on tv — is that even possible?

@alecbaldwin
I need to have work done. Implants, tucks, sucks, resections. Lotta work.

@ConanOBrien
How many baby carrots offset five adult cupcakes?

Don't call him 'R-Patz'

Robert Pattinson may be a good sport about a lot of things, but he is not a fan of his R-Patz nickname, to put it mildly. "When I got (the role in Cosmopolis), every single article that came out was, 'R-Patz's struggle for credibility,'" Pattinson tells the Guardian. "I don't understand who invented that thing, 'R-Patz'. I want to strangle them."

Robert Pattinson

Stacy finally gets to hang at George's Lake Como pad

George Clooney kicked off his summer vacation early by taking girlfriend Stacy Keibler to his luxurious estate on Lake Como, Italy, according to Hollyscoop.

Surprisingly, it's the first time his girlfriend of 10 months has been to the infamous vacation home.

On the other hand, Clooney has taken Keibler on trips to Mexico five times since they've been together.

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler

The couple returned from a trip to Cabo San Lucas just last week.

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Travel in brief

On a trip? Read a book

If you want to get in the mood for your next Canadian trip, you can try reading a book about the destination. A new resource makes that a whole lot easier. The 49th Shelf, a project of the Association of Canadian Publishers, has developed an interactive online map showing books connected with particular places. The Read Local map — at 49thshelf.com/map — includes books linked to towns, cities and rural areas in every province and territory, and in genres from poetry and fiction to autobiographies and cookbooks. The 49th Shelf calls it a "100-mile reading diet for the mind." Plenty of discoveries are waiting to be made for travellers who like to read. Click on Vancouver and learn about Hold Me Now, a 2011 novel by Stephen Gauer about a murder in Stanley Park. For Winnipeg, there's the 2007 novel Shelf Monkey by Corey Redekop, set entirely in that city. Heading to New Brunswick? You might be interested in Wicked Woods by Steve Vernon, a 2008 collection of ghost stories from the province. Foodies planning a trip to Newfoundland and Labrador can discover Fat-Back & Molasses by Ivan Jesperson, a 1974 collection of old recipes.

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On the web

Atlanta's historic Auburn Ave. again at crossroads

While golf courses may not be quite as plentiful as poolside cabanas on the resort strewn coasts of Mexico, the gateway to Latin America boasts over 150 seductive spreads to pick from. Such a buffet of exceptional offerings makes it difficult for gringo golfers to settle on one. We've narrowed the field down to cinco options, where early morning tee times are as coveted as a 100 per cent blue agave tequila nightcap.

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5 top golf spots in Mexico

El Camaleón, Playa Del Carmen

The home course of Mexico's lone PGA Tour Event may not change colours as its reptilian namesake implies, but this breathtaking 18-hole thrill ride is quite the changeling. Play a round here and traverse through tropical jungles, mangrove forests and oceanfront stretches that sidle up against the Caribbean Sea. You can see Cozumel in the distance on the 7th and 15th. Not satisfied with your final scorecard tally? Polish off the rust at the onsite Jim McClean Golf School. Course Designer: Greg Norman Green Fee: $180 Vistors/ $125 Fairmont Mayakoba Guests.

Loreto Baja, Baja California Sur

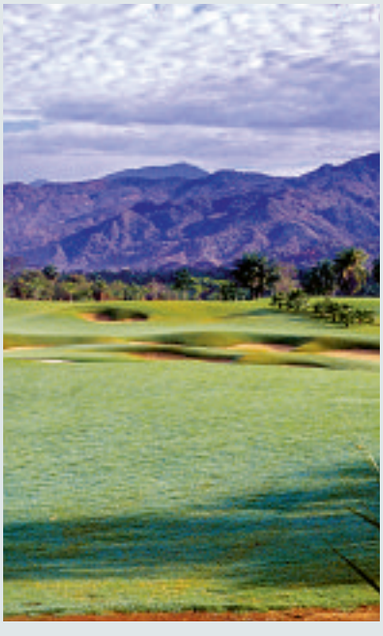
Cast in the shadows of the looming Sierra de Giganta with holes that trace the Sea of Cortez, Loreto is a scenic dreamscape offering plenty of pinch-me golf moments during a round. Exercise caution on No. 2, a par 5 dogleg right with water all along the right and a peninsula green that slopes steeply toward the drink on three sides. A very precise approach shot is required to touch down safely on the dance floor and keep your ball dry. Green Fee: $70. An additional $30 to rent a cart. Course Designer: Mario Schejtnan and Peter Güereca. Reconditioned by David Duval in 2008.

Palmilla, Los Cabos

Opened in 1992, the Golden Bear's first Latin American Signature course is a 27-hole challenge comprising of tres nines, each offering various terrain: the Arroyo, Mountain, and Ocean which provides spectacular views of the Sea of Cortez and there is a 600-foot elevation change that unfolds from No. 1 to 6. Five sets of tee boxes will satisfy everyone; from sharpshooters who want to play from the tips to max out the 7,000+ yardage and high handicappers just looking for a round of hits and giggles on their vacation. Green Fees: $190 Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus

Vista Vallarta, Puerto Vallarta

A tale of two very different topographies unfolds depending on which way you turn at the clubhouse on this sprawling 500-acre golf complex. The lower lying Weiskopf fairways are lined with thicker foliage and deep ravines. Stop a moment to inhale the sweet fragrance of the ruby-red bougainvilleas. Routed on higher ground the Nicklaus track offers enchanting views of Puerto Vallarta, the marina and Banderas Bay. A highlight is No. 3, a 550-yard par 5 which requires a string of formidable strokes to reach an elevated green (unseen from the fairway) in regulation. Green Fee: $199 at both. Course Designers: Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiskopf



Punta Mita, Riviera Nayarit

Golfers visiting the plush Four Seasons or St. Regis resorts which have access to this golf club are in for a slice of tropical paradise with two impeccably conditioned seaside layouts to play. The stoic Sierra Madre mountains in the background and stunning ocean views will have most golfers reaching for their cameras as often as their rangefinders. The elder Pacifico course boasts a unique treat in No. 3B, "Tail of the Whale," an optional par 3. The World's first natural island green (pictured) is only reachable during low tide. Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus Green Fees: $210

Instead of cedar, try pineapple bark for your grilled chicken

Pineapple Bark Chicken with Grilled Pineapple and Guacamole

This recipe serves three. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using pineapple bark in the same way you would use a cedar plank to grill, infuses the meat with a delicate sweetness, and keeps it moist and juicy. The enzymes in the pineapple also help to tenderize the meat.

1. Cut off the top and bottom of the pineapple. These can be discarded. Stand the pineapple upright. Cut the skin off the pineapple, removing it in 6 long strips. To do this, begin cutting at the top of the fruit and slice downward, letting the knife follow the curve of the fruit. Leave about 1/2 inch of flesh on each strip of skin. Rotate the fruit and repeat. Set aside.

2. Place each chicken breast between sheets of plastic wrap and use a meat mallet to pound to an even 1/2 inch thickness. Season each on both sides with salt, pepper, cumin and cayenne. Lay each piece of chicken over the cut side of one of the slices of pineapple skin. Set a second strip of pineapple skin, cut side down, on top. Use kitchen twine to tie the bundles to hold them together. Refrigerate the chicken bundles for about 30 minutes.

3. When ready to cook, heat one side of the grill to high, the other side to low.

4. Meanwhile, cut the skinned pineapple (the flesh) into thick circles. Use a small round cookie or biscuit cutter (or a paring knife) to cut out and discard the core from each round.

5. When grill is hot, arrange chicken bundles on the cooler side of the grill. Cook for 15 minutes per side, or until the chicken reaches 165 F at the centre. During the final 10 minutes, add the pineapple rings and cook for 5 minutes per side.

6. Guacamole: In bowl combine red onion, jalapeno, avocados, lime juice and cilantro. Gently mix then season with salt and pepper.

7. To serve, place one chicken bundle on each plate. Set a grilled pineapple ring next to it, then spoon some of the guacamole into the centre of and over the pineapple ring.

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Ingredients

- 1 large whole pineapple
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- Salt and ground black pepper
- Ground cumin
- Cayenne pepper
- 1/2 small red onion, diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced
- 2 avocados, pitted and chopped
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

Workplace Law

You think you know, but you have no idea

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Most employees cling to beliefs about workplace rights they gleaned from media, friends or researching online. But many of these "perceived" rights often do not exist. Here are some of my favourite misconceptions:

Discrimination means unequal treatment
It is not discrimination if you are simply treated unfairly or differently. Discrimination laws only protect differential treatment based on a defined set of personal characteristics, such as age, race, gender or disability. Employees can be treated differently based on any other grounds, without any form of legal protection.

Similarly, there is no legal requirement that promotions or bonuses be assessed fairly. An employer may decide, often arbitrarily, who it wishes to promote and how it will compensate its employees. It is entitled to show favouritism, as long as its decision is not based on personal characteristics, such as race, religion or gender.

You're the best!

> "[An employer] is entitled to show favouritism, as long as its decision is not based on personal characteristics, such as race, religion or gender."

An employee is entitled to overtime pay for any additional hours worked.
Unless an employment contract states otherwise, overtime pay is only required for hours worked in excess of the statutory standards, which vary among provinces.
Many employees do not realize that they can be required to work for longer than nine to five, without an entitlement to overtime pay.

There is a right to sick leave
There is no statutory or legal requirement to provide employees with paid time off from work due to an illness. Although many employers have policies that do provide a few days' sick leave each year, it is not because they are compelled to do so. Without such a policy, if an employee is off work and sick, she need not be paid for that time.

If I work through lunch, I can leave work early
This is one of my favourite misconceptions. Employees often believe they can make up lost time or "trade" a break or lunch for an early departure. However, most provincial employment standards laws require that a 30-minute lunch be taken, at least, every five hours. Therefore, even if an employer were to agree to such a "trade" (and few would do so), it would still be illegal.

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Golf

"I think even if I do win a major championship, it will still be, 'You're not to 18 yet' or 'When will you get to 19?' It's always something with you guys."

Tiger Woods in San Francisco on Tuesday, responding to questions of whether he has to win a major to end doubts about his health and overall golf game ahead of this week's U.S Open.

CFL

Als' D-Line takes blow losing Bowman

The Montreal Alouettes will have to start the 2012 season without their top defensive lineman. The CFL club announced Tuesday that rush end John Bowman, who had a team-high 12 sacks last season, is out four to six weeks after suffering a knee injury during training camp Saturday. The six-foot-three, 255-pound Bowman was hurt taking part in a short-yardage situation and was taken off the field on a cart.

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On the web

Floyd Mayweather's lawyers say the boxer's career is at risk and they have filed a motion with a Las Vegas judge, asking her to ease jail conditions for the undefeated champion who is serving time for domestic battery and harassment. Scan the code for the story.

The Kings celebrate after their 6-1 win over the Devils in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup final in Los Angeles on Monday night. NOEL VASQUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Plans for a sequel underway in L.A.

NHL. Kings savour 1st Stanley Cup triumph and look ahead to next year

The Stanley Cup barely had the Los Angeles Kings' fingerprints on it before Darryl Sutter suggested they should start preparing to win it again.

"The first thing you think about as a coach, these guys are all young enough, they've got to try it again," the coach said Monday night, mere moments after raising the cup for the first time himself.

That's just how a pragmatic farmer from Alberta thinks about everything, and Sutter didn't allow his mental preparations for a sequel stop him from celebrating this irreplaceable moment with his players.

The Kings partied until well after midnight at a restaurant overlooking the Staples Center ice, where Los Angeles completed its 16-4 rampage through the post-season to the franchise's first NHL title.

After nearly 45 years without a cup, after 4 1/2 decades with one division title and one conference crown to show for their existence, and after eight straight years from 2002-10 without making the playoffs, Los Angeles and its Kings had earned every minute of it.

Music boomed and drinks flowed for a few hundred friends, family members and Kings employees hanging with the players. Everybody seemingly got a chance to raise the cup. The Conn Smythe Trophy also attended, and plenty of people borrowed Jonathan Quick's hardware long enough to chant "MVP!" for themselves.

The Kings weren't thinking much about how they became the first eighth seed to win a title, or how they won 10 straight road games this spring, or how they made the second-fastest run in modern NHL history to the Stanley Cup.

They already knew.

"It's got to come from the room, and guys have to make a decision to work," said Quick, the record-setting goalie who carried the Kings through long stretches of the regular season. "I think we did that. You can't say enough about this group and how hard they worked."

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By the numbers

81

The Kings never faced elimination in the playoffs, but it was a distinct possibility during the regular season. L.A. didn't clinch a playoff spot until right before their 81st game.

Sutter trilogy complete

The name "Sutter" will be etched into the Stanley Cup once again.

- After more than two decades in pro hockey, Darryl Sutter finally has a chance to bring the trophy back to Viking, Alta., just as brothers Duane and Brent did before him.

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NBA finals

Durant, Thunder roll to 1-0 series lead over Heat

Kevin Durant scored 17 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter, Russell Westbrook added 27 points and 11 assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the Miami Heat 105-94 on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the NBA finals.

LeBron James, still chasing his first NBA title in his third MVP season, shined through three quarters and blew past Durant head-to-head several times before the Thunder switched their defence.

James ended up with 30 points — the most he's ever had in three trips to the finals — but it wasn't enough with Durant taking over late.

Durant made six of 10 shots in the fourth quarter to power the Thunder ahead after they had trailed until their final possession of the third quarter.

Game 2 is Thursday night in Oklahoma City.

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Thunder forward Kevin Durant dunks on Tuesday night in Oklahoma City. GETTY IMAGES

Canada settles for draw with Honduras

Canada's Toisaint Ricketts, left, fends off a challenge from Roger Espinoza of Honduras during a World Cup qualifier in Toronto on Tuesday.
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada had hoped to take two victories and some breathing room into a two-month break between World Cup qualifying games.

Instead, the Canadians played Honduras to a 0-0 draw Tuesday, settling for four points from their first two matches in the third round of CONCACAF qualifying as they continue their quest for the country's first World Cup berth since 1986.

The result was a frustrating one for Canada, which was coming off a 1-0 victory over Cuba on Friday in Havana and maintained most of the possession on the night in front of 16,132 fans at BMO Field in Toronto.

Canada had numerous scoring opportunities, perhaps the best coming on a corner kick in the 90th minute that captain Kevin McKenna headed just wide of the Honduran goal.

Canadian defender David Edgar had two glorious chances, including a header off a corner kick in second half injury time that he knocked just wide of the net before the final whistle and a corner kick in the 68th minute that he put just wide left of the net.

No. 55 Honduras was coming off a 2-0 loss to 46th-ranked Panama in its opener last week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Qualifying continues

The top two teams in the group will advance to the final round of qualifying in the CONCACAF region, which covers North and Central America and the Caribbean.

- Canada will travel to Panama and Honduras in the fall. The Canadians host Panama on Sept. 7 and Cuba on Oct. 12.

Poland fights back to keep hopes of advancing alive

Euro 2012. Polish defence largely muzzled Russian attack

Alan Dzagoev scored his third goal of the European Championship, and Jakub Blaszczykowski scored what will surely be one of the goals of the tournament.

Russia and Poland played out a 1-1 draw Tuesday. The result left Russia at the top of Group A, but all four teams still have a chance to qualify for the quarter-finals.

"We're still in the tournament, so with this point a win in our final match puts us into the knockout stage," Blaszczykowski said.

Dzagoev was first to score Tuesday. He darted past defender Lukasz Piszczek in the 37th minute and sent a glancing header beyond goalkeeper Przemyslaw Tyton after a curling free kick from Andrei Arshavin.

Quoted

"He is the heart of the team and the captain as well."

Poland defender Damien Perquis on Jakub Blaszczykowski

Tuesday's game

Russia	Poland
1	1

Russia continued to push forward after the goal, allowing Poland to equalize on the counter in the 57th when Blaszczykowski cut in from the right and sent a searing left-foot drive into the far corner of the goal.

"I think we deserve praise because all of us put a lot into this match," Blaszczykowski said. "The tactics we set up before the match we carried out 100 per cent."

Russia's rampant attack in the opening 4-1 win over the Czechs was largely muzzled by a well-organized Polish defence. At the other end, Robert Lewandowski was a constant threat.

"When we went 1-0 up, I thought we'd get more space like we did against the Czech Republic, but that didn't happen," Russia coach Dick Advocaat said. "We lost the ball too fast when we were going forward and they could counter. We left the field too open."

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Jakub Blaszczykowski celebrates scoring the equalizing goal for Poland against Russia at Euro 2012 in Warsaw. SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGES

Violence

Fans clash outside game

Soccer hooligans clashed with opposing fans and police before and during Poland's game against bitter rival Russia on Tuesday, leaving 15 injured while more than 140 people were detained.

Following scattered fighting in the Polish capital before the match, police fired rubber bullets at a group of fans who attacked them with bottles and stones near an outdoor fan zone in central Warsaw where about 75,000 people were watching the game on huge screens.

None of the injured, which included a police officer, were in life-threatening condition.

About 5,000 Russian fans marched to the match at the National Stadium to celebrate the Russia Day national holiday.

It was seen as provocative to many Poles. The two countries share a difficult history, including decades of control by Moscow over Poland during the Cold War. Many Poles felt authorities shouldn't have allowed the Russians to march as a group in Warsaw given the historical wounds.

One of the most violent incidents occurred during the march. Polish hooligans attacked Russians, The two sides, made up of dozens of men, kicked and beat each other in the face, while flares could be seen exploding in their midst.

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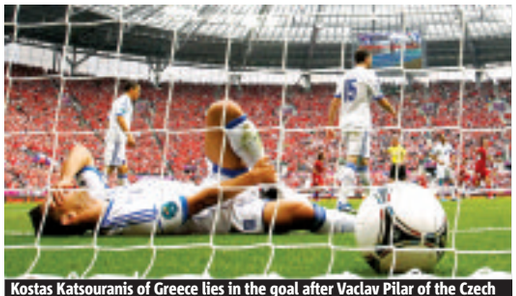
Czech Republic scores twice inside of six minutes



Kostas Katsouranis of Greece lies in the goal after Vaclav Pilar of the Czech Republic scored at Euro 2012 in Wroclaw, Poland. CHRISTOF KOEPSEL/GETTY IMAGES

Before the match, the Czech fans booed their coach. Six minutes after the start, they could barely contain their joy.

After an embarrassing 4-1 opening loss to Russia at the European Championship, the Czechs attacked right from kickoff and scored two quick goals en route to a 2-1 victory over Greece on Tuesday.

"Everything worked for us tonight," Czech Republic coach Michal Bilek said. "I am happy with every player."

Petr Jiracek scored the first goal, beating Greece goalkeeper Costas Chalkias in the third minute after a pass from Tomas Hubschmann sliced through the Greek defence. Vaclav Pilar added the second three minutes later with his second goal of the tournament. He was first to a ball sent across the goal by teammate Theodor Gebre Selassie.

"This was a big goal for me, and it's great for the team," Pilar said.

Substitute Fanis Gekas pulled one back for Greece in 53rd minute with a tap in after Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech spilled the ball and bumped into defender Tomas Sivok.

But the Greeks rallied too late, and their chances of advancing were hurt following their 1-1 draw with Poland in the opening Group A match.

The Czechs, however, put their bid to reach for the quarter-finals back on track.

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Rosicky injured

The Czech Republic's much-needed victory over Greece came at a cost: Captain Tomas Rosicky injured his Achilles tendon and is doubtful for its final Group A game.

Denmark vs. Portugal

Portuguese boss trusts forward

Portugal coach Paulo Bento is keeping faith with striker Helder Postiga, even though it could cost him his job.

Portugal has scored only once in its four matches this year, and Postiga didn't even manage a shot on goal in the team's 1-0 loss to Germany at the European Championship.

The Portuguese desperately need to get on the scoresheet in their second Group B match against Denmark on Wednesday or they risk going home sooner than they expected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Helder Postiga. UEFA VIA GETTY IMAGES

Netherlands vs. Germany

Netherlands in tough spot early

With its back to the wall, Netherlands, a pre-tournament favourite, must avoid defeat to Germany on Wednesday in Kharkiv, Ukraine, to have a chance of advancing from Group B. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy

Cassano sorry for making gay remark

Italy forward Antonio Cassano said Tuesday that he hopes there are no homosexual players on the national team at Euro 2012, then used a derogatory word to describe gays.

After being told by a reporter there might be undeclared gay players on the team, Cassano said: "That's their problem, but I hope not.... But I don't know."

He added that he hoped his answer sufficed. "Because if not, you know I'll be attacked from every direction."

Several hours after his initial remarks, Italy released an apology statement from Cassano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Top Gear

Electric facts

• Electricity is used as soon as it's made, and large-scale storage is prohibitively expensive and impractical. Smaller-scale storage, such as electric car batteries, is one possible solution to heavy demand at certain times of the day.

• Electric vehicle batteries that are too depleted to run a car still have considerable capacity, and research is underway to possibly use them for stationary power storage.

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The Nissan Leaf powers a home in this demonstration. NISSAN CANADA

The power's out? Plug your house into your electric car

Charging. Unique Vehicle-to-Home system already set to go on sale in Japan this month

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Few things are more annoying than the power going out. But in the future, your lights could come back on, thanks to the car in your driveway.

Nissan recently demonstrated its Vehicle-to-Home (V2H) system, which uses the battery in the all-electric Leaf hatchback to provide power during outages, as well as offset expensive peak-hour electricity or even sell some back to the grid.

V2H is still in its infancy here, and faces considerable research and test projects before it could be available to consumers, but a version will go on sale in Japan later this month.

"As the grid grows and gets smarter, and as infrastructure comes on line, the consumer's going to look for alternatives and flexibility," says Allen Childs, president of Nissan Canada.

"This adds value in that it's a supply source to the home when the normal supply is interrupted."

V2H requires a special Power Control System, or PCS, provided by Nissan and wired into the house's electrical panel. When the Leaf is plugged in, the PCS charges the car's battery from the house current, just as happens now with the conventional house charger sold with the Leaf.

When the house needs power, though, the PCS reverses the direction, and electricity flows from the Leaf's battery into the house system. Nissan says that a fully charged Leaf could run a typical house for a day.

Many Leaf owners charge their vehicles at night, when electricity is cheaper.

Potentially, some of the car's stored power could be "mixed in" with electricity from the utility company during peak periods when power is expensive, reducing the overall cost. Nissan also envisions a "smart grid" communicating with cars during periods of heavy use, "asking" them to sell their inexpensive stored electricity back to the utility company at peak-rate prices.

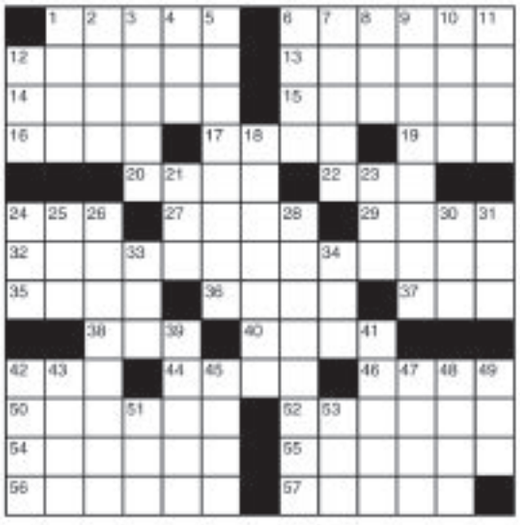
Nissan Canada president Allen Childs plugs in the Leaf. According to the automaker, the electric car, when fully charged, could run a typical house for a day. NISSAN CANADA

So how do you drive your electric car, if you've used or sold its stored charge? This is where driver, car, and grid will have to work together.

The driver programs in what she'll need — say, 60 kilometres for the day's commute. The car could use or sell its excess power, but stop before cutting into that 60-km range of battery power.

It takes about seven hours to fully charge the Leaf with its household charger, but a quick-charge DC system can provide up to 80 per cent capacity in 30 minutes. If these expensive DC units drop in price and become more widespread, drivers could also use or sell the battery's power at peak rates, and later plug in half an hour before the car is needed again.

Crossword



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6 Procession
12 Approach the curb
13 Eye-related
14 Take for granted
15 Type of test
16 Subsequently
17 Lummox
19 Rushmore face
20 Diamond in the sky?
22 Trinity member
24 Helgenberger series
27 Weaponry
29 Bound bundle
32 Gertrude Stein quote
35 Metal refuse
36 Bean town?
37 Turf
38 Moo — gai pan
40 Steals
42 Omega preceder
44 Affix an X
46 Verve
50 Virgil masterwork
52 Have high hopes
54 Runt
55 Irreparable
56 Venomous vipers
57 Gaiters

Down
1 Shove
2 Differently
3 Banjo sound
4 "Tasty!"
5 Suggesting a rainbow
6 Lauren brand
7 Low-pH chemicals
8 Same old same-old
9 Annual publications
10 Fingerpaint
11 Gaelic
12 Vanna's cohort
18 Unquestioning follower
21 Writer Fleming
23 Kimono closer
24 Group of former USSR members
25 Bando of baseball
26 Thought
28 College discussions
30 — -tzu
31 Conclusion
33 In olden times
34 Eminem's genre
39 Wickerwork willow
41 Old photo tint
42 Hemingway sobriquet
43 Progeny
45 Mid-month date
47 Scourge of serge
48 Bellicose deity
49 Simpsons' neighbor
51 Ram's ma'am
53 Dine

Sudoku

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	5	1	2	7	9	8	6	3
8	2	9	3	6	4	7	1	5
3	6	7	5	8	1	2	9	4
6	1	3	4	9	7	5	8	2
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2	3	6	9	4	8	1	5	7
7	9	4	1	5	2	6	3	8

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

F D H R Q B F C L Q K V Q T B
B Q A H U B C I H L C C I M C L V D Q F
D Q U G H Z C I H D J B M Q A C L J F H
U H B B H L F. R L H Q Z D I H K G Q.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BRAINSTORMING SESSION HELD IN A COOKING AREA MIGHT BE CALLED THE KITCHEN THINK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Today's Sun-Saturn link promises that if you make a serious effort you will enjoy serious results — the kind that could make you a star.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets will bring several opportunities your way over the next 24 hours but there is one goal you should be focusing on to the exclusion of everything else.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. The more you are on the move today, the less time you will have to spend worrying about little things.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You sense that an important change is coming and you are worried it might be a change for the worse. You won't escape this feeling until the Sun enters your sign on the 20th.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You will realize today that you were wrong to be suspicious about someone's motives. Apologize if you've been harsh. It's not too late, but be fast.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You enjoy routine but the planets warn there is a danger you could settle into a routine that is too comfortable and too predictable.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Things have been going so well for you that you are afraid there is some sort of catch. Don't worry, there isn't. Today's Sun-Saturn link will confirm how truly fortunate you are.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Money matters will go well today but they will go even better if you follow your instincts rather than what the "experts" suggest.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Forget what others say you have to do and focus on your own desires. That is not only the recipe for having fun but also the recipe for success.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Someone in a position of authority will be impressed by your willingness to stick to a task that others too easily gave up on.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't lack for confidence today, and you never lack for courage, but hopefully you will balance that with a large dose of common sense.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Financial matters are under favourable stars today and if you use your brain you will come out ahead of the game.

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Ric

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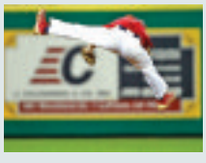

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